

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS: Court Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blainey, Fred Foy, Ernest Kinoy, Mr. and Mrs. Mandel Kramer, Raymond Edward Johnson, James Maloney, Grace Matthews, James Monks, Rosa Rio and Bill Youmans, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanley, Vicki Vola, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Walliser....All of these special guests were present throughout the day and evening. They participated in a panel discussion, socialized during the cocktail hour, presented two radio programs, and received awards.

The convention started at 9:00 with 17 dealer and display tables including some manned by Joe Webb (Airwaves) and Allen Rockford and Don Richardson (Nostalgia Radio News). Movies were shown from 9:00 to 3:00. They included a short AMOS AND ANDY film, 3 LONE RANGER serials, THE BIG BROADCAST OF 1932, and HERE WE GO AGAIN with Hal Peary, Marian and Jim Jordan, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, Gale Gordan (supplied by Tony Esposito) and the MARCH OF TIME 1947 newsreel on radio broadcasting, a broadcast of THOSE WE LOVE and a 10-minute excerpt of a JACK BENNY SHOW (supplied by Jerry Haber).

At 3:00 there was a quiz show identifying radio programs by dialog and opening theme. Out of 71 possible answers Bob Vito got first prize with 65 right. Allen Rockford and Dave Siegel shared second prize and Ken Piletic received 3rd prize....At 3:45 Raymond Edward Johnson commanded the audience of 200 with a 40 minute reading. At 4:45 all the guests participated in an informal panel discussion answering these questions: 1. How did you start in radio? 2. What was most eventful in your career? 3. What is the future of radio.

A cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres followed until 7:15. Then 160 guests had dinner (last year we had 95). The two radio programs presented were an episode of OUR GAL SUNDAY and THE SHADOW "The House that Death Built." Rosa Rio played the piano, Ed Blainey provided the sound effects, Warren Somerville directed. In The Shadow Grace Matthews played Margot Lane, Mandel Kramer played Lamont Cranston. Fred Foy announced both programs....Bob Witte performed as M.C. for the panel and evening festivities. 15 awards were given out. Al Hodge, Peg Lynch, and George Ansbro, even though they were not able to be there, received awards.

You may receive a tape of everything, afternoon and evening, by sending 2 1800' reels to either Joe Webb or myself. Joe's address is 5 Valley View Dr, Yonkers, NY 10710.

The guests were very gracious in granting interviews. I want to thank them again for giving of their time to be with us.

Also the committee did a wonderful job. Many thanks to Ed Corcoran, Julie and Larry Desalvatore, Ken Piletic, Joe Webb, Stu Weiss, and Carol and Bob Witte.

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CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS: From Ken Piletic, 705 S Oltendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103. Many people got mini-interviews from the guests. (Ken) I will be willing to act as a clearing house for all of them and compile them all into one tape. Send me a copy of your interview by Dec. 1st. Those send me interviews will receive a copy of the final tape...I also lost the prize I won (Trivia and More Trivia by Goodgold and Carlinsky). If you found it please send it to me.

IN FOND MEMORY: Leopold Stokowski, Sep 13, 95...Maria Callas, Sep 16, 53...Mary Ford, Oct 1, 53; had many hits with Les Paul...Jean Hagen, Aug 29, 54; TV actress; MAKE ROOM FOR DADDY...FELLOW COLLECTOR Dallace McLennan from Winston-Salem, NC died in August. We did some trading and I always respected him.

BOOKS AND PUBS: Michael Biel, 592 Beverly Rd, Teaneck, NJ 07666 recently finished his 1183 page doctorate thesis entitled "The Making and Use of Recordings in Broadcasting Before 1936." It will soon be available for \$24.95. It is the most exhaustive study of its kind. Send Michael a SASE for more details...September AIRWAVES continues article and log on GUNSMOKE...New address of Nostalgia Radio News is Box 2214, Syracuse, NY 13220.

CATALOGUES: Neil Lane, 1230 Redbud Dr, Chesterton, Ind 46304; reels 335-364; complete DIMENSION X, FIBBER MCGEE & MOLLY, AMOS & ANDY. Still looking for 1936-38 and 1943-44 FIBBER MCGEE...Nat Kruskopf, 47-20 40th St, Sunnyside, NY 11104; Sup. #1; ETERNAL LIGHT, OUR AMERICAN LEADERS, CAVALCADE OF AMERICA, ESCAPE.

LOGS: Jerry Appleman, Box 33003, Northglenn, Col 80233; has complete (General Mills) ADVENTURE THEATER from 2/5/77 to 1/29/78. Send SASE and 25¢. It is alphabetical and chronological. General stopped sponsoring it on Aug 6, 1977. Renewal is unsure at this time. ..Chuck Kalen, 17614 Lamond Blvd, Shaker Hts, OH 44120; has fairly complete log of HORATIO HORNBLLOWER. For a SASE he will send a copy to anyone interested in helping complete it.

TAPE DECK: Ray Stanich tells me of a BSR Frequency equalizer for \$59.95 from Burstein-Applebee, 3199 Mercier St, Kansas City, Mo 64111.

MAILING: Ken Piletic (address mentioned) has special fourth class mailing labels which he will send you for \$2.00 per 100.

NEW ADDRESSES: Gerry Lieber-Mackay, 201 Lidd Pl, Fullerton, Cal 92635...Adam Richter, 11 Dafrack Dr, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends; Frederick Ruffner, Box 36068, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich 48231...Tom Bogart, 34 Summit St, Meriden, Ct 06450...Richard Korf, Greenwood Lake Lodge, Grand Mavais, Minn 55604...Steven Frediani, 1500 Marie Ave, Antioch, Cal 94509.

Old Friends: Jerry Perchesky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076 looking for ZEKE MANNERS material for Zeke...John Wells, RD1, Chittenango, NY 13037 looking for SPEAKING OF EVERYTHING over WABC-AM on 11/15/76. Host Howard Cosell talked with George Burns. Also does anyone have a PHIL HARRIS*ALICE FAYE log? Jim Blythe, 170 Walters

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Ave, Merrillville, Ind 46410 until Christmas is offering the 89 episodes of JACK ARMSTRONG, 1940-41, on cassette for \$45.00...Larry DeSalvatore, 25 Sachem St, New Britain, Ct 06053 wants any material with Bradley Kincaid...Dale Hilk, 424 East 1st St, Waconia, Minn 55387 wants more FAT MAN with J Scott Smart...Allen Rockford, 505 Seeley Rd, Syracuse, NY 13224 has a limited number of the September issue of BROADCASTING which highlighted CBS 50th anniversary. If you want a copy send \$2.75 per copy to Double-R-Radio, 505 Seeley Rd, Syracuse, NY 13224.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Jed Dolnick resumed his SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY program over WUWM-FM 89.7 in Milwaukee every Sunday at 6:00 pm. Jed has resumed trading for quality material...KOGO in San Diego broadcasts various Michelson programs every weeknight at 8:05.

LATE NEWS AND TIDBITS: Please send me more news so size can increase. Let me know about title and date discrepancies of shows, deaths of personalities and collectors, information about books, publications, articles, activities, groups, your catalogues and supplements with highlights, new shows, what radio personalities are doing today, tape and equipment information, legal problems, what you are looking for and what you have, logs, I tried to start a SPOT AT THE MIKE column. If there is a collector who performs exceptionally well, write me a paragraph about him (or her). Let's hear from you.

Marion Wedin printed a MERCURY THEATER log some time ago. If you send me 25¢ and a SASE I will send you a copy...Has anyone heard from Thomas Riggs lately. I have had several inquiries about him.

My son, Craig, is 13 on the 25th. He is in the 8th grade and Robin, who will be 14 on Nov 8th, is in the 9th grade. My 17-year old, Jeff, graduated in June and is working for a while.

Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs. Be good

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